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SUBJ: 63RD ECOSOC: PLENARY TAKES FINAL ACTION ON WORK OF ECONOMIC
COMMITTEE AND OTHER MATTERS

1. ON AUGUST 4 THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL HELD THE LAST
PLENARY MEETING OF ITS 63RD REGULAR SESSION, HENCE CONCLUDING
ITS WORK ONE DAY EARLY.

2. THE PRINCIPAL ITEM ON THE AGENDA WAS APPROVAL OF THE RECOM-
MENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. ACTIONS TAKEN ESSENTIALLY
DUPLICATED THAT OF THE COMMITTEE, WITH ONLY FIGURES ON VOTES
BEING DIFFERENT. PLENARY VOTES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

-- ITEM 11, ASSESSMENT; DRAFT RESOLUTION II LANDLOCKED DEVELOP-
ING COUNTRIES; VOTE ON OPERATIVE PARA 1 (RIGHT OF ACCESS TO THE
SEA) 19(US)-3-24; RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE 31-0-15(US).

-- ITEM 14, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; FINAL VOTE 46(US)-
0-0, WITH THE FIVE EASTERN BLOC COUNTRIES "NOT PARTICIPATING".

--ITEM 16, NATURAL RESOURCES: DRAFT RESOLUTION I ON WATER
CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP (RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES), VOTE 41(US)-0-5(EASTERN BLOC); DRAFT RESO-
LUTION VI, PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY, VOTE 38-1(US)-11; DRAFT RESO-
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LUTION VII, REPORT OF THE UN WATER CONFERENCE (G-77 PROPOSAL),
VOTE 43(US)-0-4(EASTERN BLOC LESS POLAND, ABSENT).

3. IN ADDITION, THE PLENARY PASSED BY CONSENSUS AN AMENDED RES-
OLUTION ON CONSUMER PROTECTION (SEPTTEL), AND TOOK ACTION ON
AGENDA ITEM 27, CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES. TWO DRAFT DECISIONS ON
THI ITEM WERE PUT TO A VOTE. DRAFT DECISION A ON NGOS WAS

PASSED BY 32-0-15(US). DRAFT DECISION B ENTITLED "PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN THE PATTERN OF SESSIONS OF SUBIDIARY BODIES OF THE COUNCIL" WAS PASSED 33-5(EASTERN BLOC)-6. USDEL DID NOT VOTE ON THIS DRAFT DECISION, WHICH SEEMS TO MAKE LITTLE SENSE.

4. THE COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED A DRAFT DECISION ON ITEM 10, HABITAT, BY CONSENSUS.

5. ALTHOUGH THE REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES WAS PASSED ON TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITHOUT DEBATE, AS IS CUSTOMARY, THE MAURITANIAN DELEGATION EXPRESSED ITS RESERVATIONS ON PARAS 89-94 OF THE REPORT (WHICH DEAL WITH SAHAROUI REFUGEES IN ALGERIA).

6. IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE USUAL CONCLUDING STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REGIONAL GROUPS, THE SOVIET DELEGATION MADE A RATHER HEAVY-HANDED CALL FOR BUDGETARY ECONOMY NOTING THAT IT RESERVED ITS POSITION ON THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF ALL ITEMS UNTIL THE GA AND THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED SHOULD BE FINANCED" WITHIN EXISTING MEANS". THEY REPEATED THEIR OBJECTIONS TO ALL EXTRA SESSIONS OF ECOSOC'S SUBSIDIARY BODIES.

7. ECOSOC PRESIDENT SMID'S CLOSING REMARKS INCLUDED THE APPROPRIATE OBSERVATION THAT THIS SESSION HAD TAKEN PLACE IN A HIATUS
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BETWEEN A PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAD ENDED AND A PERIOD OF EVALUATION WHICH HAD YET TO BEGIN. VANDEN HEUVEL

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